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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Saturday, April 29, 1916

The Executive Council met in the Shoreham Hotel at 11.50 o'clock a.m., immediately upon the adjournment of the Society.

Present:

Mr. Charles Henry Butler	Prof. John H. Latané
Hon. George Gray	Hon. Frank C. Partridge
Mr. Charles Noble Gregory	Mr. James Brown Scott
Prof. Amos S. Hershey	Mr. Everett P. Wheeler
Prof. George G. Wilson.	

Hon. George Gray presided.

The following officers were unanimously reëlected and the Secretary cast a single ballot for the Council for each of them:

Chairman of the Executive Council: Hon. John W. Foster.

Recording Secretary: Mr. James Brown Scott.

Corresponding Secretary: Mr. Charles Henry Butler.

Treasurer: Hon. Chandler P. Anderson.

Assistant to the Secretaries: Mr. George A. Finch.

Members of the Executive Committee: Hon. Elihu Root, Hon. George Gray, Mr. Jackson H. Ralston, Hon. Robert Lansing, Hon. John Bassett Moore, Hon. Oscar S. Straus and Prof. George G. Wilson.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following committees were continued for the ensuing year:

Standing Committee for the Selection of Honorary Members: Prof. George G. Wilson, *Chairman*; Mr. Jackson H. Ralston and Prof. Theodore S. Woolsey.

Committee on Publication of Proceedings: Mr. George A. Finch and Mr. Otis T. Cartwright.

The Committee on Codification and the Standing Committee on the Increase of Membership had been continued by previous action of the Society.¹

¹See pages 107 and 127 of these Proceedings.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the appointment of the Auditing Committee and the Committee on the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Society was referred to the President with power.

The following gentlemen were unanimously elected members of the Board of Editors of the *American Journal of International Law*:

Mr. James Brown Scott, Editor-in-Chief	
Hon. Chandler P. Anderson	Prof. Charles Cheney Hyde
Prof. Philip Marshall Brown	Hon. Robert Lansing
Mr. Charles Noble Gregory	Hon. John Bassett Moore
Prof. Amos S. Hershey	Prof. Jesse S. Reeves
Hon. David Jayne Hill	Prof. George G. Wilson
Prof. Theodore S. Woolsey.	

Secretary of the Board of Editors and Business Manager,
George A. Finch

The Council considered the class of persons which should be sought for membership in the Society and discussed whether the present policy of seeking to enroll all persons who may be interested in international law should be continued or an effort made to confine membership to scholars. The view was expressed that the Society should not attempt to convert itself into an institute for the adoption of resolutions or the issuing of declarations of principles, but should continue the work in a way that will enlist the coöperation of all who may be interested in the study of international law and the promotion of international relations on the basis of law and justice. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Executive Council that the widest membership for the Society should be sought.

The Council then, after consideration, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following regulations be, and they are hereby, adopted for the guidance of the Committees on Program of the Annual Meetings:

1. That the seal of the Society be placed on all programs of the Society's meetings.

2. That at every meeting of the Society the American flag be displayed.

3. That a large-faced clock be placed on the wall opposite the speaker's desk.

The Council next took up the discussion which had taken place at the meeting of the Society concerning the offer of funds by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace for the purpose of furthering the work of the Standing Committee on the Study and Teaching of International Law. It was the sense of the Council that it would be proper for the Society to accept the funds, to be used for the purpose stated, and, if accepted, that they should be turned into the Treasury of the Society and appropriated to the use of the Standing Committee. At the conclusion of the discussion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Council hereby accepts with thanks the money offered to the Society by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace for the work of the Society in connection with the study and teaching of International Law and related subjects, and hereby appropriates the same to the use of its Standing Committee on the Study and Teaching of International Law and Related Subjects, to be expended on requisitions approved by the Chairman of the Standing Committee drawn on the Treasurer of the Society.

A resolution offered at the meeting of the Society by Mr. Soterios Nicholson and referred to the Council was next considered. The resolution provided for the appointment of a committee "to consider the proposed machinery for peace among nations by the creation of a federal judicial, legislative and executive body to pass upon international judicial matters," as outlined in a study by Mr. Nicholson entitled "War or a United World." After consideration of the resolution and the written explanation which accompanied it, the Council adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Executive Council deems it inconsistent with the practice of the Society to pass such a resolution as that proposed by Mr. Nicholson.

The renewal of the contract for the publication of the *American Journal of International Law*, which expires before the next an-

nual meeting of the Society, was then considered by the Council, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the new contract for the publication of the *American Journal of International Law* be signed by the Treasurer and Recording Secretary of the Society with the approval of the Board of Editors of the *Journal*.

Whereupon the Council at 12:50 o'clock p.m. adjourned.

JAMES BROWN SCOTT,
Recording Secretary.